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FOLLOWING SENT ACTION STATE AND JIDDA INFO KUWAIT LONDON AND SANAA FROM TEHRAN APRIL 16, RPTD TO YOU:

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QUOTE

S E C R E T TEHRAN 2470

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TAGS: MASS, IR, SA, MU, YE
SUBJECT: SAUDI ARABIAN- IRANIAN COORDINATION IN SECURITY MATTERS

REF: A. STATE 070182
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1. WE SHARE DEPARTMENT' S CONCERN OVER FALTERING DIALOGUE BETWEEN IRAN AND SAUDI ARABIA ON PENINSULA SECURITY MATTERS AND CONCUR THAT EARLY AND FRANK DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN RIYADH AND TEHRAN ARE NEEDED. IN THIS CONNECTION WE NOTE THAT LAST DECEMBER VISIT TO TEHRAN BY SAUDI MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS OMAR SAQQAF SEEMINGLY FAILED TO ESTABLISH BASIS FOR FRANK EXCHANGES BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES ( REFTEL B).

2. SAQQAF' S VISIT TO TEHRAN APPARENTLY HAVING ACHIEVED ONLY LIMITED SUCCESS, WE WONDER IF AN EARLY VISIT HERE BY KAMAL
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ADHAM MIGHT NOT SERVE TO PROMOTE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN TWO STRONGEST, MODERATE POWERS ON GULF, COOPERATION BETWEEN WHICH IS IMPORTANT TO AREA SECURITY. ADHAM HAS ADVANTAGES OF EXPERIENCE IN SAUDI- IRANIAN RELATIONS, CLOSENESS TO KING FAISAL AND A PERSONAL STYLE WHICH IRANIANS MAY FIND LESS BAF-FLING THAN THAT OF SAQQAF. HELMS

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